

Exhibit 1154

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"Extract from Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 17 Oct 41"

At 11 a.m. Chief Secretary MATSUDAIRA visited me to make arrangements for a senior statesmen's conference. It was held from 1:10 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the west ante-chamber of the palace. Those present were KIYOURA (92 years old), Mr. WAKATSUKI, Admiral OKADA, HAYASHI, Mr. HIROTA, ABE, YONAI, all ex-premiers and president of the Privy Council HARA. I explained the situation of the general resignation except for the recommendation of Gen. UGAKI by Baron WAKATSUKI and the suggestion of a cabinet under a member of the Imperial family Premier by General HAYASHI. No one had a definite opinion.

I asserted that the most important things were the revision of the decision of the last Council in the Imperial presence September 6 and the unity of opinion between the Army and Navy. I suggested a TOJO Cabinet as a solution of these problems, with TOJO as Premier and War Minister, even though he is on active duty. I met no objection to my proposal, Mr. HIROTA, General ABE, and Mr. HARA, giving me positive approval. The meeting broke up at 4 p.m. I reported to the Emperor the details of the progress of the ex-premiers Conference and talked with him until 4:15 p.m. The War Minister proceeded to the palace at the request of the Emperor to receive the Imperial Order for the formation of a new Cabinet. Subsequently he summoned Navy Minister OIKAWA and talked to him regarding cooperation between the Army and the Navy were very desirable. I passed on to them in an ante-room the following message as ordered by the Emperor. His majesty has talked to you in regard to cooperation between the Army and Navy. In deciding the fundamental policy of our country you need not necessarily follow the decisions of the Council in the Imperial presence on the 6th of September, but should study carefully conditions both at home and abroad.

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木戸侯爵日記 昭和十六年十月十七日分

十月十七日（金）

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廣田阿部米内各前首相原樞密院議長参集ス
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ヲ主張ス恒シ東條首相ハ現役ニテ陸相ヲ兼
ネシムルコトトス、反對論ハナク、廣田阿
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ニ決定ニトラハル、處ナク内外ノ情勢ヲ更ニ

廣ク深ク検討シ慎重ナル考究ヲ加フルコトヲ

要ストノ恩召デアリマス命ニ依リ其旨申上置

キマス

六時通歸宅ス由喜子夫婦美子夫婦舒子サン等

來リ合セ植松ノ料理ニテ昼ニ食事ス

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阿部夫婦山口夫婦一道ス

Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 18 October

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18 October (Saturday)

Cloudy and rainy.

I proceeded to the palace at 9 a.m. and was received in audience by the Emperor at 9:15 to present a memorial to the throne from Prince KANIN, to which the Emperor gave his sanction. The memorial was concerned with War Minister TOJO's remaining on active service and with his promotion to full general.

Went to Yasukuni Shrine at 10 and attended the Imperial worship. Went to my office at 1 p.m. and was at once received in audience to explain the circumstances under which War Minister TOJO is forming a cabinet.

War Minister TOJO was received in audience at 3 and presented the list of his cabinet members.

The Emperor summoned me and inquired about the cabinet members.

The investiture of the new Premier was conducted by the Emperor at 4.

Came home at 5.

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木下侯日記、抜萃 十月十八日(土曜)曇雨

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四時首相親任式ヲ御舉行ニ遊
五時帰宅ス

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"Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 20 Oct 41"

October 20th, 1941

"I received gracious words from His Majesty on account of my efforts in connection with the cabinet change. I was truly moved.

"I told His Majesty that one mistaken step taken in the present cabinet change might have inadvertently plunged us into war. After careful consideration I believe this to be the only way of giving a new turn to the situation and had thus recommended it. His Majesty understood me well replying 'As it is said you know, -- 'He who will not go into the tiger's den will not get the tiger cub.'"

"I was impressed."

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昭和十六年十月二十日分

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